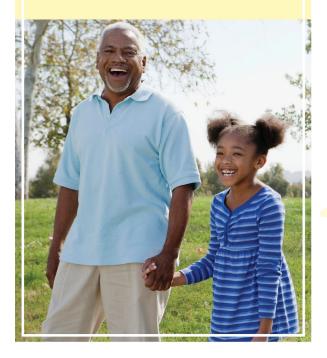## Steps to Register

Step 1 Visit www.gtc.edu. Click on 'WebAdvisor' at the top of the page. Search for the class you are interested in. This will give you a full course description and associated costs.

Step 2 Fill out an on-line application at www.gtc.edu. Click on 'Register Now for Fall Classes' located in the upper right corner. (Application requires a $40 payment to hold your space in the class.)

Step 3 Visit http://wisconsinearlychildhood.org, www.fafsa.ed.gov or www.gtc.edu for financial aid information.

Step 4 You will receive an e-mail notification to confirm your registration.

Questions? Please call the Kevin McCray, Gateway's Early Childhood Education counselor at 262-619-6534 or email him at McCrayk@gtc.edu with questions.

Program Participation
All regulated centers, family child care and Head Start programs – including both certified and licensed providers – may participate in YoungStar. Participation is required for all programs serving children in the Wisconsin Shares.

Financial Aid
Financial assistance is available through the T.E.A.C.H. program which provides scholarships to child care providers who attend technical or private colleges or universities to achieve a higher educational level by completing a specific education path. The Rewarding Education with Wages and Respect for Dedication (REWARD) program provides stipends to child care teachers, providers, and directors based on their level of education, specific to the child care field.

In addition to the T.E.A.C.H. financial aid, there is also financial aid from the US Government. Financial Aid applications are only available on-line and can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov. We suggest students start at www.gtc.edu and click on 'Paying for College' near the top, right corner of the screen. On the left side of this page is a menu which includes 'Financial Aid' and 'Payment Options'. The information on those sites should answer all of your financial aid questions.

Students can register with $40 down until August 25, at which time they must choose to go on the payment plan, pay in full, or have an authorization. The payment plan is outlined on the website.

Keep in mind, students receiving a certificate are not Financial Aid eligible. They must be accepted to an aid-eligible program to be considered for Financial Aid.

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Rating alone does not improv[e] child care, but YoungStar Training and Technical Assistance helps providers earn skills that earn stars.

Gateway Technical College is offering courses to help child care facilities and their employees gain skills. To meet the immediate needs of our community, Gateway is currently offering these courses

307-174 ECE: Practicum 1 - In this 3-credit practicum course, you will learn about and apply the course competencies in an actual child care setting. Some of the course work includes: exploring strategies that support diversity and anti-bias perspectives, integrating the WI Early Learning Standards into the program's teaching cycle, and evaluating learning and assessment activities using the early learning standards for each individual child.

15-week Course Starting:

Thurs, Sept 9, 7-9 pm or
Sat, Sept 11, 1-3 pm
Racine Campus only

Course Fees:
$372.69

Books: $41.25

307-167: Health, Safety and Nutrition - This 3-credit course examines the topics of health, safety, and nutrition within the context of the early childhood educational setting. The vast course competencies include integrating strategies that support diversity and anti-bias perspectives; following governmental regulations and professional standards as they apply to health, safety, and nutrition; and planning nutritionally sound menus.

15-week Course Starting:
Tues, Sept 7, 7-10 pm
or
Sat, Sept 11, 9-12 pm
Racine Campus only

Course Fees:
$347.44

Books: $136.44

307-187: Children with Differing Abilities - This 3-credit course focuses on the child with differing abilities in an early childhood education setting. Topics such as providing inclusive programs for young children; exploring the standards of quality early childhood educations and strategies that support diversity; and cultivating partnerships with families who have children with developmental differences are among the course competencies.

* See note below

Course Fees:
$347.44

Books: $121.00

307-140 ECE - Behavior and Emotional Challenges - This 3-credit course helps prepare students to work as part of a team. Building rapport with children and families; creating supportive learning environments; and developing individualized, positive guidance plans are all part of the course curriculum.

* See note below

Course Fees:
$347.44

Books: TBD

*These classes are a blended format, half online and half face-to-face. The face-to-face class will be held on the Racine campus, Saturdays: 9/11, 9/18, 10/9, 10/16, 11/13, 12/4, and 12/11. The Children with Differing Abilities course meets 9 am -noon. The Behavior and Emotional Challenges course meets 1pm-4pm.

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That's exactly what Wisconsin's YoungStar offers child care providers. It's a quality rating system that measures the quality of care given by child care providers in Wisconsin and identifies areas for improvement. The program is part of Wisconsin's Department of Children and Families and is designed to prepare our children to succeed in school and life by elevating the levels of child care throughout the state.
YoungStar uses a five-star rating system. As a provider or center goes up the point scale, financial incentives increase.
YoungStar focuses on:

- Improving the overall quality of child care
- Creating a clear, understandable tool to help parents choose quality child care
- Establishing a connection between child care quality and the level of Wisconsin Shares payments
- Helping prevent fraud in the Wisconsin Shares system
- Creating incentives and providing support for programs to improve services, particularly for low-income children

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